

## NEWS BY TELEGRAPH

### DISASTROUS EFFECTS OF THE LATE STORM

**Yachts Driven Ashore and Men Frozen to Death.**

### THE LATEST FROM WASHINGTON.

#### AFFAIRS IN ALBANY.

#### PROGRESS OF LEGISLATION.

##### ACTION ON VARIOUS BILLS.

##### Debate in the Senate on the Mount Vernon Resolutions.

##### The Dispute About the School Lands. History of their Sale to Railroad Companies and Individuals.

##### THE NEBRASKA-KANSAS FEELING.

##### Pittsburg Democrats Approve Judge Douglas's Bill.

##### Railroad Accident--Market Reports, &c., &c., &c.

##### Effects of the Late Storm.

##### NUMEROUS MARINE DISASTERS--SIX MEN FROZEN TO DEATH.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22, 1854.

The captain of the brig *Florence*, of Providence, from this port for New Orleans came up to the city to night; his vessel having gone ashore at Sandy Hook bar on Monday night, in four feet of water. He came up to procure lighters. He reports the storm as the most terrible experienced in many years.

Nine vessels were ashore, and six men were frozen to death.

A schooner bound to New York put into the Breakwater in distress.

Many vessels are adrift outside.

Two wrecks are being towed up to the city to night.

RAILROAD TRAVELLING--THE WEATHER, ETC.

HARRISON, Feb. 22, 1854.

Railroad travelling between here and Washington is resumed.

The roads to Wheeling and Philadelphia are still closed, but a train went out this morning on the latter to endeavor to force a passage.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22, 1854.

The track between this and Baltimore is now clear of snow, and the trains will run regularly.

DANBURY, Feb. 22, 1854.

A snow storm is now prevailing here. We had not any snow mail to day for over a week past.

From Washington.

JOHN VAN BUREN--THE NEW KANSAS AND THE HOMESTEAD BILL--NEW FREE SOIL MOVEMENT--THE PACIFIC RAILROAD--NEW NAVAL STEAMERS, ETC.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22, 1854.

John Van Buren has arrived here, full of wrath against the administration and the Nebraska bill.

An amendment will be proposed to the Homestead bill, extending its provisions to the territories of the United States. This will probably stir up the feelings of the South, under the idea that it is proposed with a view of crowding in a Northern emigration to Nebraska and Kansas, and thus practically settling the slavery question in those quarters.

The Naval Committee of the Senate will recommend three sloops-of-war in addition to the six frigates, all to be provided with auxiliary screw power.

The Senate Special Committee on the Pacific Railroad met this morning, and it is understood are prepared to report a bill inmediately.

There is now an increasing interest felt in the movements of this national society, and its present session promises to be the most interesting, as it is one of the most important that has been held.

Attales at the State Capital.

THE MOUNT VERNON RESOLUTIONS AGAIN--MORE PRECISELY--A WARBLER'S CATHOLIC IN PUBLICATION--A PETITION TO THE HOUSE--THE HOMESTEAD BILL TO FINISH FRAUD--LAURENCE HUMES MISSED BY SIXTY--NO SESSION TO-MORROW--THE THROTTLED JUNIOR--A LUNCH IN A RAILROAD DEPOT, ETC.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE NEW YORK HERALD.

ALBANY, Feb. 21, 1854.

Both houses were in quiet humor to-day, and discussed United States lighthouses on the Hudson river, and plank roads in various parts of the state in a manner of decorum and courtesy becoming such distinguished bodies of the people's representatives. The resolutions introduced in the Assembly at an early day relating to the purchase of Mount Vernon, by the Hon. Joseph W. Savage, representing the silver gray whig of the tenth Assembly district of New York, upon his celebrated speech was hung, and which has lain dormant, with a slight exception, in the Senate ever since, was to day called up by Mr. Brooks, and lost by a vote of 11 in the affirmative and 14 in the negative. So the wisdom of Congress must dispose of the subject without the assistance of the Solons of the New York Legislature. They would have passed the Senate unanimously, as they did the House, had not the fall spirit of abolitionism pervaded upon them, destroying them, as it does everything else encountered on such a scaffold or a day.

Senators have exhausted their twenty dollars worth of stationery, newspapers, &c., paid the bill from the House adding ten dollars to the amount. Neutrality demanded that the additional sum should be at the service of members.

The old feud in relation to public schools is again being carried on with vigor. Senator Whiting proposed a petition from several hundred citizens of New York, remonstrating agains employing Roman Catholic teachers in the public schools. They allege they find, through corruption or intrigues, a large number of Roman Catholic teachers in the schools, and are anxious to have them removed. The Legislature will do nothing to remove them.

For the first time in many years the Senate of this State has remained in session on the anniversary of Washington's birthday. An effort was made yesterday to adjourn the session, but the bill was carried, and the body did not sit at eleven o'clock, and proceeded to the regular order of business. Very little of importance was transacted. Among the bills introduced were the two following by Mr. Wm. Clarke, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee:

An Act in Relation to Edict.

The people of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 26 of article 1st, title 2d, chapter 54, part 4th, of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended so as to read:

All transactions and dealings on account of the said persons shall be conducted by, and in the name of, the respective agents, who shall be capable in law of suing in their own names, and the name of office, and by whom the said agents respectively shall be and are hereby authorized to sue for and recover all sums of money due from any person to any former agent of said persons, or to the people of this State on account of said persons.

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Section 1. Every person who, with intent to cheat and defraud another, shall knowingly, by color of any false story or writing, or by any false representation, commit a felony or a trespass, shall be liable to the party injured, and by the party injured, to obtain the signature of any person to any written instrument, or obtain from any person any money, personal property or valuable thing, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in a State prison, not exceeding five years, and if not exceeding three times the value of the money, property or thing, so obtained, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Mr. Spencer laid a bill on the table of sufficient importance to justify an insert in, as there are unquestionably large numbers who may become interested therein. A copy is here given:

AN ACT FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF OBTAINING MONEY OR PROPERTY BY FALSE STATEMENT.

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See 2. Section thirty-three, part four, article fourth, Chap. 1, sec. 1, of the Revised Statutes, is hereby added:

This act will stand ready to be inserted in any bill now pending under the laws hereby repealed.

See 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

A number of charitable and benevolent ladies of the city of New York, are making application for a charter to incorporate a Society, under the name of "The Literary and Scientific Association," to be known as the "Mount Vernon Female Charitable and Literary Society" of the Mount Vernon Female Charitable and Literary Society. Mrs. Charlotte June, Mrs. Caroline R. Deane, Mrs. Phoebe Palmer, Mrs. Julia M. Allen, Mrs. Harriet Wilmot, and Miss Eliza Merriam. They allege that they want to hold real and personal property to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars, and that the annual income of the personal property is to be fifteen thousand dollars, exclusive of donations. Their professed object is to alleviate the wants, better the condition of the degraded, and poor, to teach poor children, and to instruct them in the arts and sciences, to preach the gospel among them. As the object of the association is to benefit their benevolence upon the unfortunate of the Five Points, and the little sweepers at the street meetings, the Legislature should immediately pass the bill, and let the strong majority of the delegation return to the house before giving them all the rights he desired.

There will be no session to-morrow, being the anniversary of the birth of Washington. All the members and

attaches are ticketed for Troy. Great disappointment has been created at the nature of the entertainment to which the Legislature has invited them. The members of the Legislature, and the library company, have been annually feasted at the Troy House, in a style and splendor which your Astor or St. Nicholas could not excel. But now, from some incomprehensible cause, the members are to take station in a room, and eat dinner, with the same company, in a plain room, with the thermometer approaching to zero! The officers of liberal and enterprising Troy have transferred their patriotism to a railroad company, and under the canopy of their shade, are to be entertained. Oh, for the spirit of Hooker, a Warren, or a Strong!

THE PUBLIC LANDS AND THE SCHOOL FUND--THE SARATOGA AND RACINET'S BARBER RAILROAD--INCREASED AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR LAND SALES--COMMISSIONERS OF LAND OFFICE--SENATOR DICKINSON--THE MOUNT VERNON AND THE MOUNT VERNON RESOLUTIONS--BILLS RELATIVE TO STATE PRISON AGENTS AND THE LAW OF LIBEL, ETC.

ALBANY, Feb. 22, 1854.

In the early part of the session of the present Legislature, Mr. A. B. Dickinson made several speeches in the Senate on the subject of the public lands belonging to the Common School Fund of the state, and distinctly charged that the late Commissioners of the Land Office had squandered immense portions of those lands upon political favorites, to the great detriment of the above fund. These charges became so frequent, direct and distinct, that the Senate finally concluded that an investigation should be had into the conduct of the late State officers, and therefore appointed a committee. A month or more has elapsed since this commission was organized, and up to this time no report has been submitted, and it is doubted whether any steps have been taken to arrive at the facts. The lands alluded to lie in the counties of Herkimer and Hamilton, and are inadmissible by any opening, either by roads or canals. A few years since a company was organized, known as the Racinet's Harbor and Saratoga Railroad Company, ostensibly for the purpose of connecting Lake Ontario with the Hudson River, and the Saratoga and the Adirondack, and, as a consequence of this, the Legislature authorized the Commissioners of the Land Office to sell large alternate sections of those lands to the company for the nominal sum of five cents an acre, in consideration of expending a certain amount of money upon the road, or by making a deposit of a certain sum in the treasury. Under the latter regulation, very large quantities of these lands have been thus secured by placing the sum of some five thousand dollars in the treasury. The company has expended small amounts in procuring surveys, which demonstrated the fact, as is alleged, that it is impractical to build a road through the region originally contemplated; and efforts are, therefore, now making to induce the Legislature to allow the road to take an entirely different route, that is to say, instead of running directly from Saratoga to Sackett's Harbor, by way of the Fish House, along the east branch of the Sacandaga river, passing through the Moose river township, through John Brown's tract, and so to the village of Carthage in Jefferson county, they petition for the privilege of running from Saratoga northward to Glen Falls, thence to Caldwell, along the middle branch of the Hudson river, to Utica, New York, Warrensburg, etc., and thence westerly across the state to the Ilion-Herkimer county to Carthage &c., running an entirely different route, of double the distance. The company want to construct an entirely different road, and at the same time retain the privilege of using the original road, and so to the westward. The legislature will have the right to require the company to do this, and to make a new contract with the Racinet's Harbor and Saratoga Railroad Company.

ACCIDENT TO THE BOSTON EXPRESS TRAIN.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 22, 1854.

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ELECTION IN MAINE.

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 22, 1854.

An election took place to day to fill the vacancy in the House of Representatives caused by the election of Mr. Brooks (whig) of New York, called up the Mount Vernon resolutions. Agreed to by the casting vote of Mr. Sumner, (whig) of Mass., move to refer the resolutions to the judiciary Committee. Lost--yes 8, Nays 18.

Mr. W. Clark spoke on the Mount Vernon resolutions up to the hour of adjournment.

Pennsylvania Democratic Convention.

THE NEBRASKA BILL UPHELD.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 22, 1854.

The Democracy Convention to-day in this city elected delegates to the State Convention, and instructed them to vote for Governor Dodge, and to nominate Mr. George E. Shadford for a member of the legislature, laying the same before the State Convention.

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Anti-Nebraska Meeting at Auburn.

AUBURN, Feb. 22, 1854.

An anti-Nebraska meeting was held at Stanford last evening. It was one of the largest and most interesting meetings ever held in this city. Some damage was done to the engine, and the passengers were delayed for a short time. The locomotive, and the conductor of Mr. Long's bill, speeches were made by Rev. Messrs. Austin, Hosmer and Nelson, and A. Seward, J. A. Cox, and others. A large number of ladies were present.

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Rhode Island Legislation and the Railroads.

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Terrible Tragedy.

WEST RANDOLPH, Mass., Feb. 22, 1854.

This morning Randolph W. Miller, a resident of this town, was found dead in his bed, having been strangled. His wife, a widow, was a woman of seven children. Wm. Miller was a man of considerable property, and insanity was the cause of the terrible act.

From Boston.

BOSTON, Feb. 22, 1854.

A meeting of newspaper publishers and editors of Boston and vicinity was held at 7 o'clock this morning, to discuss the progress of an anti-slavery movement in the state. The meeting was well attended, and the speakers were mostly from the press within the past few years, and resolutions were adopted to increase the expense of advertising twenty-five per cent.

The trial of John L. Chapman for the murder of Reuben Orton, at Sherburne, in September last, is progressing before the Supreme Court, now sitting at Albany. Chapman is twenty years old. The evidence is strong against him.

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MONTGOMERY, N.Y., Feb. 22, 1854.

The steamer *Florida* from New York arrived at this port at 10 o'clock this morning. The *Florida* has arrived at this port in sixty hours.

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